

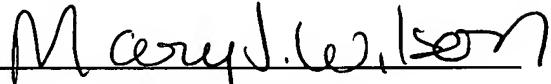
REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page(s) is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."

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5. (Amended) An antibiotic composition as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 4] claim 1 which contains 50mg to 1g of Erythromycin B (or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof).

7. (Amended) An antibiotic composition as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 6] claim 1 in the form of a tablet, a capsule, a suspension, an elixir, a syrup or an injectable.

9. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 8] claim 1 containing a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative of Erythromycin B and where said derivative is a 2'-ester of Erythromycin B or of Erythromycin B enol ether.

12. (Amended) An ester as claimed in claim [12] 11 which is a succinate ester.

13. (Amended) An antibiotic composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of an ester as claimed in [any one of claims 10 to 12] claim 10.

17. (Amended) The use as claimed in [any one of claims 13, 14 or 15]
claim 14 in which the microbial infection is TB, Syphilis, Helicobacter pylori, or
Chlamydia.